

Memorandum

To: DMR Advisory Council
From: Laurice U. Churchill
Date: August 29, 2003
Subject: Meeting Notice for
Wednesday, September 10, 2003, 1:00 p.m.
Location: Large Conference Room, DMR Laboratory
200 McKown Point Rd, West Boothbay Harbor*

Please notify Ruth Riopell (tel: 624-6553 or email Ruth.Riopell@Maine.gov) if you are **unable** to attend this meeting by **5 p.m.** Monday, September 8, 2003.

If the meeting is cancelled council members and other persons who may be attending the meeting will be contacted by telephone in advance of the meeting. Persons may also check for a cancellation notice posted on the Department's website at:
http://www.maine.gov/dmr/council/advisory_council_meeting.htm.

Please note the updated agenda format. A listing of pending rulemaking in progress, upcoming rulemaking in the draft stage, and reports (ASMFC, NEFMC, etc.) will be mailed with the agenda in lieu of being taken up as separate agenda items during meetings. Reviewing this material separate from the meeting is intended to allow greater time during the meetings for action (voting) items. Questions on rulemakings that are in progress i.e., have a scheduled hearing/hearings or during any comment period should be directed to the staff person(s) listed on proposed regulation notices via the contact information provided in the notices. Questions on reports should also be directed to the author of any report. Brief questions and discussions on rulemakings or reports may continue to be taken up under other business as time allows.

*** Directions to the Boothbay Harbor Lab:**

From North: Take Route 1 South, through Damariscotta and Newcastle to Edgecomb. Turn left onto Route 27 South, to the Boothbay Harbor Region.

From South: Take Route 1 North, through Wiscasset to Edgecomb. Turn right onto Route 27 South, to the Boothbay Harbor Region.

Once on Route 27: Travel to Boothbay Center (about 9 miles). Landmarks on right are Chamber of Commerce and Texaco Gas Station/Subway Sandwich Shop. After Texaco Station and just before Soldier Monument, turn right off Route 27. Go straight at the 4-way stop that immediately follows. This puts you on Corey Lane, also known as Lakeside Drive. Follow this road to the stop sign at its southern end (about 2 miles; 2nd junction with Route 27). Continue straight across onto McKown Point Road and follow to its end (about 1 mile). We are the last facility, at the end of the road.

DMR ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

September 10, 2003, 1:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Welcome

Advisory Council meeting process update (Commissioner Lapointe)

Bylaws discussion (Deputy Commissioner Etnier)

2. Approval of minutes: Meeting - July 16, 2003

3. Regulations - Action (voting)

Chapter 25.93(F) Zone D Exit Ratio (T. Stockwell)

Chapter 11.19 Cobscook Bay Limits and Restrictions (T. Stockwell)

Chapter 34.10(1)(B)(4)(c) Groundfish Regulations, Whiting (D. Schick)

Chapter 34 Groundfish Regulations, Federal consistency (Dep. Comm. Flagg)

Chapter 45 Shrimp, Updates with Chapter 34 Groundfish/lawsuit and technical corrections (Col. Fessenden)

Chapter 26.05(B) Sea Urchin Drag Regulation, Escape Panel - Zone 2 (M. Hunter)

4. Special License

Dana Morse, UM Sea Grant extension agent, scallop drag tests on 3.5 and 4-inch ring selectivity

5. Other Business

Establishment subcommittee to develop a research plan

Industry updates by Advisory Council members

Scheduled Rulemaking Hearings or Meetings:

Updated: September 29, 2003

FMI: Contact Laurice Churchill at (207) 633-9584

Date	Hearing or meeting / Location / Chapter or Subject / Staff contact on Notices		
07-28-03	Hearing	BBH	34 Whiting (Schick)
08-03-03	Meeting	Ellsworth	9,15-20 Harvester info meeting (Churchill)
08-04-03	Meeting	Stonington	9,15-20 Harvester info meeting (Churchill)
08-07-03	Hearing	BBH	45 clean up (Fessenden)
08-07-03	Hearing	BBH	34 NMFS consistency (Flagg)
08-11-03	Hearing	Machias	26.05 urchin drag panel, Zone 2 draggers (Hunter)
08-18-03	Meeting	Waldoboro	9,15-20 Harvester info meeting (Churchill)
08-19-03	Meeting	Scarborough	9,15-20 Harvester info meeting (Churchill)
08-20-03	Meeting	Machias	9,15-20 Harvester info meeting (Churchill)
08-21-03	Meeting	Brunswick	9,15-20 Harvester info meeting (Churchill)
09-03-03	Meeting	Rockland	9,15-20 Harvester info meeting (Churchill)
09-10-03	Meeting	BBH Lab	Advisory Council meeting (Churchill)
09-21-03	Meeting	BBH Lab	9, 15-20 Harvester info meeting (Churchill)
10-15-03	Meeting	BBH Lab	Advisory Council meeting (Churchill)
11-19-03	Meeting	BBH Lab	Advisory Council meeting (Churchill)
12-17-03	Meeting	BBH Lab	Advisory Council meeting (Churchill)

Draft rulemaking in progress - Written materials not available unless noted:

- 2 Statutory compliance as of 9-13-03 (Fisk)
- 8 & 5 Landings Program, Ch 25 Dealer reporting, primary buyers' permit (Libby)
- 9, 15-20 Shellfish Sanitation (Fitzpatrick, Churchill); drafts available to download from:
http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rulemaking/shellfishrules_draft/draft_rules.htm
- 11 shell size incremental increases, consistency w/ new statute effective in '03-'04 (Stockwell)
- 11.07 correct drag configuration language and technical corrections (Churchill)
- 25.96 Monhegan Season 03-04 (Churchill)
- 25 Whale gear modification rules, federal consistency (Stockwell)
- 25.85 Vent inconsistency with statute, technical correction (LT. Mercier)
- 25.90 Swans Island Area Lobster Trap Program (Stockwell)
- 25 ASFMC Area 3 consistency (Comm. Lapointe)